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SUBJ: DRAFT PRM 31 - EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY

REF: ROOT/KEMPE LETTER OF MAR 20

1. APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT. WISH POINT
OUT THAT SWISS HERE READ PROBST-BARRACLOUGH CONVER-
SATION, TALKING POINTS GIVEN SWISS (WHICH THEY
HAVE SHOWN US BUT WHICH EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE,
(PLEASE SEND)AS PRELIMINARY TO POLICY CHANGE.
THEY AND WE UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, AS TO PRECISE MEANING
PHRASE QTE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY UNQTE. DO WE MEAN
TRANSFER THROUGH HARDWARE EXPORTS? IN THAT CASE
SWISS CAN DO CONTROL. OR DO WE MEAN TRANSFER
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PROPRIETARY INFO, ETC?
SWISS HAVE NO LEGAL AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER INQUIRE INTO
EXCHANGES THIS TYPE INFO BETWEEN SWISS FIRMS AND
INDUSTRIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. SWISS EMBASSY HAS ASKED FOR AND SWISS HERE ARE
PREPARING DETAILED INFO IN RESPONSE TO DEPT'S INQUIRES
IN RELATION MATERIAL SENT US WITH MAR 15 TRNSMITTAL
SLIP. THEY SEE THESE QUESTIONS AS RELATED TO
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TRANSFER THROUGH HARDWARE EXPORTS. EFFECT ON SWISS
OF RAIIING THESE QUESTIONS, APPARENTLY AS THEY SEE IT
IN CONTEX PROBST-BARRACLOUGH MEETING, HAS BEEN TO
ADD TO NEED CLARIFY WHAT IT IS WE ARE SEEKING TO
CONTROL IN EACH APPROACH WE MAKE TO SWISS.

3. DISCUSSION THESE QUESTIONS CLOSELY HELD WITHIN

SWISS GOVT. ONLY THREE PEOPLE DEAL WITH THEM, AND
THEY ARE IN BER. STRONGLY URGE VISIT FROM DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF EAST-WEST TRADE, OR MEMBER HIS STAFF TO
BERN TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY. SOME SWISS CONFUSION IS
DUE TO APPARENT LACK CLARITY IN EXCHANGES WITH SWISS EMBASSY.

4. WE AGREE THAT IF NO CHANGE OUR POLICY LIKELY
FRIENDLY NON-ALIGNED CAN BE LEFT OUT OF DRAFT PRM 31.
IF, HOWEVER, THEY ANY POSSIBLITY WHATSOEVER OF
POLICY CHANGE, RESULT PRESENT DRAFT COULD WELL BE
EXEMPTION FOR NATO ALLIES, JAPAN, MANY OF WHICH IN
STRONG COMPETITION SWISS FOR THIRD-COUNTRY MARKETS.
SIMPLY INSERTING AFTER QTE OUR CLOSEST ALLIES UNQTE
THE WORDS QTE AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES UNQTE
AND AFTER QTE ALLIED UNQTE THE WORDS QTE AND OTHER UNQTE
WOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS CONTINGENCY AND WE
RECOMMEND THAT THESE WORDS BE INCLUDED IN DRAFT.
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